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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 through 1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, cited in a European Search Report and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.989(a)(3), as concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. 1.56 most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits that:

1) the relevance of DE 38 03 64, EP 0 400 031 and DD 285 298 belong to the same patent family. A member of this patent family is US5,139,580 which covers the disclosure of DE 38 03 064 and EP 0 400 031 as well as DD 285 298

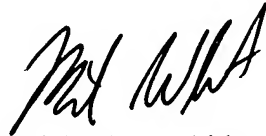
2) the relevance of DE 195 47 181 is that it is equivalent to US\$5,906,690.

3) the relevance of DE 196 22 164 is that it is equivalent to US\$6,162,308.

Applicant hereby petitions for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Certification under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), and attached is a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the statutory fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

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Respectfully submitted,

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	3	5,906,690	5-25-99	Engl et al.			12-4-96
	4	5,139,580	8-18-92	Freier et al.			7-18-90
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	1	0 400 031 B1	1-27-89	Europe				✓
	2	DE 38 03 064	1-29-88	Germany				✓
	3	DE 195 47 181	12-16-95	Germany				✓
	4	DD 285 298	1-27-89	Germany				✓
	5	WO 89/07158	8-10-89	PCT				✓

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	XP 002038993 Article titled: Recent Development in Bake-hardenable Sheet Steel for Automotive Body Panels N. Mizui et al.
	2.	XP-002199112 abstract dated 1982
	3.	German Article dated September 1975 Titled: Kaltgewalztes Feinblech und Band mit gewahrleisteter Mindeststreckgrenze zum Kaltumformen

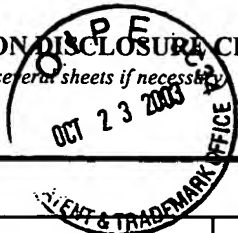
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